

Generation and his contributions to our Nation's defense. His patriotism, bravery, and sacrifices for our country should never be forgotten.

HONORING THE ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENTS OF JOSHUA MICHAEL BROWN

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Joshua Michael Brown, the world's first person to earn a bachelor's degree in nanosystems engineering. Brown, a native of West Monroe, LA., graduated from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, LA., May 19, earning a degree in electrical engineering in addition to his history-making degree in the up-and-coming field of nanotechnology.

Few universities in the United States offer a curriculum in nanotechnology, the science of manipulating materials on an atomic or molecular scale to build microscopic devices, and I am proud to say that Louisiana Tech, located in the 5th Congressional District of Louisiana, is one of those pioneering universities.

In 2005, Louisiana Tech launched its nanosystems engineering degree program, becoming the first university in our Nation to offer such a degree. Recently, Louisiana Tech was ranked 10th in the Nation for commercializing nanotechnology inventions by Small Times magazine, a trade periodical for micro and nanotechnologies.

Surely, Brown's efforts as a Louisiana Tech scholar were a factor in the university's gaining this honor. While working toward his degree, Brown, along with Tech professor Chester Wilson, co-invented a device that is currently in the process of being patented. The invention is a nanocatalyst considered superior to those currently being used in the production of biofuels from biomass waste, an invention that is both exciting and inspiring as our Nation's top scientists and researchers continue to search for ways to increase the production of quality biofuels in the quest to lessen the United State's dependence on oil.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joshua Michael Brown, whose knowledge and dedication to this revolutionary technology will be a great asset to the future of this field and to our longstanding commitment of keeping the United States on the forefront of science and technology.

HONORING AMERICA'S JUNIOR
MISS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS
50TH YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to America's Junior Miss on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of America's Junior Miss scholarship program. This year's national finals will be held June 28, 29 and 30th in Mobile, Alabama.

America's Junior Miss scholarship program has been vital to young women across the United States. Founded in Mobile, Alabama, in 1958, by the city's Junior Chamber of Commerce, the program held its first national program with 15 states represented. Participants are evaluated in five categories: interview, talent, scholastics, self-expression and fitness.

America's Junior Miss aims to promote self-esteem through its "Be Your Best Self" program. This program, adopted in 1987, is a way for Junior Miss participants to share a positive, personal approach to young people and help them lead successful and productive lives. The program encourages making a commitment to self-improvement with a focus on education, community service, proper nutrition, staying fit, living by moral principles, setting goals, and striving to reach those goals.

Since its founding, over \$87.7 million has been awarded to over 700,000 contestants. Last year, more than \$2 million was awarded in cash scholarships with almost 200 universities and colleges offering college-granted scholarships to participants. Former participants in the program include Diane Sawyer, Deborah Norville, E.D. Hill, Kim Basinger, Dr. Linda Rutledge Delbridge, and Debra Messing.

It is my sincere hope that America's Junior Miss will continue to be a source of inspiration to young women across the United States for another 50 years. I rise today to salute this organization and the many contributions it has made toward the enrichment of young women across the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, due to delays in air travel coming back from my Congressional district yesterday, I was one of six Members on a flight that was delayed by several hours in arriving to Washington, DC. I unfortunately missed recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, June 25, 2007.

Had I been able to vote that day, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall votes Nos. 549 and 550.

HONORING JACK VALENTI

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the House of Representatives passed H. Res. 361, honoring the life of Jack Valenti. I rise today to express support for that resolution and to join in honoring Jack's life and accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, Jack Valenti was the poster child for what it means to be a great American. Jack was a true patriot and served our country valiantly as a pilot in the armed forces during World War II, where he flew over 50 combat missions. He later served as special assistant to President Lyndon Johnson during

the tumultuous period in American history following the assassination of President Kennedy.

Following his public service, he became president of the Motion Picture Association of America, where he instituted the first movie rating system, which gave parents more information about the content of movies. It is during his tenure at the MPAA that I came to know and become friends with Jack.

One thing that always impressed me about Jack was his commitment to serving others. I remember a recent story I heard about Jack where he gave a lesson to a waiter at one of his favorite local restaurants. He told the waiter how important it was to remember the particulars of his clients, including their names and what they like to order. It is with this attention to detail that he succeeded in his mission of educating Members of Congress about the importance of copyright laws and the details of the motion picture industry.

Jack's policy was to return every call from every person who contacted him. He also emphasized the importance of telling the truth in all circumstances. These attributes explain why both those who agreed with and disagreed with his policy positions respected Jack and his work.

I am indebted to Jack for befriending this green, freshman lawmaker back in 1993, and treating me with the same respect and kindness that he would give a President.

I join with all Members of this House to send my deepest condolences to Jack's family and also to honor and celebrate the life and accomplishments of Jack Valenti.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, June 21, 2007, I accompanied President George W. Bush to the State of Alabama to tour a nuclear facility and was subsequently absent for 22 votes on June 21 and June 22. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 542 and "nay" on rollcall No. 548.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED
PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes:

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the Foreign Affairs Appropriations bill passed last week, which included language authored by myself and Congressman MARK KIRK ordering the State Department to report to Congress on the feasibility of